COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ESSEX COMMUNICATIONS, INC. d/b/a eLEC COMUNICATIONS, INC.))
COMPLAINANT) CASE NO.) 2000-518
V.)
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.)
DEFENDANT))

<u>O R D E R</u>

On November 17, 2000, the Commission ordered BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") to satisfy or answer the complaint filed by Essex Communications, Inc. d/b/a eLEC Communications, Inc. ("eLEC"). BellSouth's answer has now been filed.

The Commission, on its own motion, HEREBY ORDERS that:

- 1. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, the parties shall submit a statement regarding the status of this complaint and negotiations for its possible resolution.
- 2. An informal conference shall be held on February 22, 2001, at 1:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. The purpose of the conference is to discuss all related matters and possible settlement.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 17th day of January, 2001.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director